

PRESIDENT HOOVER GREETED BY GOVERNOR FRANK G. ALLEN OF MASSACHUSETTS ARRIVAL IN BOSTON WHERE HE ADDRESSED AMERICAN LEGION AND A. F. OF C.



Others in the Group on the President's Left in the Picture, Besides Governor Allen, Who Stands Beside Him, Are Col. William M. Butler, Mrs. Hoover, Carrying Bouquet, and Edith Nourse Rogers, Congresswoman from Massachusetts.

TWO CITIES SEEK 1931 CONVENTION

Los Angeles and Detroit Representatives Make Bids Before Time, Place Committee.

PORLAND, OR., WITHDRAWS

Decision on Choice is Left to Vote by Delegates at Boston Convention

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—(AP)—The contest for the site of the next national convention of the American Legion today narrowed to a fight between Los Angeles and Detroit. These two cities were the only ones to bid officially for the convention before the time and place committee. Baltimore made a bid for the convention of 1932 but dropped out.

As the Legion rules require a city bidding for the convention to present certified checks for a substantial amount Portland, Ore., withdrew its bid for next year's convention. The Oregon representative explained his department had not prepared for such a condition.

Wilbur M. Brucker, Republican nomi-

natee for governor of Michigan and a con-

vention delegate, presented Detroit's claims. He gave the committee a cer-

tified check for \$25,000 and exhibited a

sheet of telegrams from citizens and or-

ganizations asking Detroit be chosen.

He had a letter from Mayor Frank T.

Murphy, himself, a Legionnaire, who

plans to fly here tomorrow, asking for

the convention for his city. Brucker

showed an agreement signed by the De-

troit Hotel Association promising suf-

ficient housing facilities and no increase

in rates.

He declared Detroit was the logical

geographical choice and said it would be

a central point for Legionnaires, whose

financial condition would prevent a trip

to the West coast.

Claims of Los Angeles were explained

by John Quinn, Legionnaire and Legi-

on member of the Chamber of Commerce, Major Porter and the

City Council. He contended only twice

has the convention been in any city

other than those either adjacent to the

Mississippi River or on the East coast.

He said 64 delegates had come here from

R. I. LEGIONNAIRES ACTIVE AT BOSTON

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Rhode Island men and women will take part.

United States Senator Jessie W. Metcalf and Governor Norman S. Case, the latter a charter member of Providence Post No. 1, occupied front seats on the convention rostrum. Governor case was introduced as being one of several Legionnaires Buddy Governors at the convention.

Senator Metcalf, who motored here this morning, accompanied President Hoover as far as Providence on the President's train, which left this afternoon for King's Mountain, N. C., where the President tomorrow afternoon will speak at a series of events of the anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary War.

Noted Flies in Air Parade.

This afternoon more than a half million persons turned out for an air parade in which some of America's most noted fliers participated. Paul Smith, a Legionnaire from Woonsocket, carried the name of the American Legion of Rhode Island aloft in the pageant of planes swooping over the city.

Late this afternoon and tonight Rhode Island delegates and alternates to the Legion and Auxiliary conventions were to be seen with their respective recognitions. The committees will not work tomorrow, as everything in Boston will be at a standstill for the parade.

Five resolutions, offered by the Rhode Island delegation to the Legion convention, were referred to the resolutions committee. With the exception of one resolution offered by Rhode Island, to provide a national celebration each year on the birthday of the late Woodrow Wilson, war president, it is not believed any of the Rhode Island resolutions actually will be reported on at the convention.

West Veterans' Hospital

The other four resolutions, however, will be referred to permanent committee. The Legion maintains in Washington, D. C. Among the resolutions from Rhode Island not likely to reach the convention floor are: that a United States Veterans Bureau Hospital be constructed in the town of Cumberland; that the Government return to its former system of civil service ratings for veterans of the World War; that the con-

vention convenes, serving on committee for this afternoon, night and tomorrow.

Decisions to be made on the convention floor Wednesday are as follows: R. A. Wentworth, Providence, permanent organization; Frank Keefe, Newport, resolutions; Department Commander Charles L. Woolley, Edgewood, internal organization; Department Historian Leroy C. Flint, Riverside, constitutional amendments; Raymond Eastwood, Salt Lake City, time and place of next national convention; William Garfield, Bayview, credentials; Roger Ward, Olympia, credentials; T. Tolson, Providence, rehabilitation; Mrs. Olive E. Clark, Jamestown, child welfare; Paul Department Commander Charles W. Anthony, Auburn, finance; Rev. Augustine McCormick, Woonsocket, Americanism; Henry T. Samson, Providence, foreign relations; Merritt Marty, Pawtucket, army; M. A. Moran, Block Island, navy, and J. G. Fitzpatrick, South Kingstown, air. The latter three are members of the national defense committee.

Cuban Legionnaires as well as Auxiliary workers from Rhode Island were busy this afternoon and tonight seeing the sights, shopping for souvenirs and attending many functions arranged for the pleasure of the thousands of visitors.

Veterans Have Reunions.

The 30th Engineers of the 70th Division, known as "Rhode Island's own," because the outfit was made up entirely of Rhode Islanders, are having a reunion.

More than 100 reunions of World War units also are being conducted as features of the convention. Among the principal reunions are those of various units within the famous "Yankee Division" that made history on the battlefields of France. A large number of the legionnaires from Rhode Island are Yankee Division men and are attending their divisional gatherings.

Percy J. Castwell, American Legion Rehabilitation Secretary for the New England district to the United States Veterans' Bureau; James B. Littlefield, Providence attorney, and William Beekin, Edgewood, department rehabilitation officer for the Legion in Rhode Island, represented the State at a gathering here of more than 100 Legion rehabilitation workers from all sections of the United States. The rehabilitation workers are in charge of seeing that the United States Government carries out its obligations to the disabled American veterans of the World War.

After the parade tomorrow these are arriving in special trains from Rhode Island, will return about midnight to Providence, where special buses will be

waiting at Union Station to take them to their homes in various sections of the State.

HOOVER'S SPECIAL MAKES STOP HERE

Train Halted on Way to Hub, but Speeds Past on Return Trip

The special train carrying President Hoover and Mrs. Hoover to Boston made a short stop at the Union station yesterday morning, and about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the same train passed through Providence on the return trip.

Before the stop, the train passed through the city, the Chief Executive addressed the conventions of the American Legion and the American Federation of Labor in Boston.

About 300 persons saw the President and Mrs. Hoover during the five-minute stop made yesterday morning to allow former Senator William M. Butler of Massachusetts, again a Republican candidate for the Senate, to board the train. Mr. Butler conferred with the President during the stop.

Mr. Hoover made two appearances on the rear platform of the last car, which was reserved for the Chief Executive and his wife. When the train started to move out of the station, Mr. Hoover reappeared this time accompanied by Mrs. Hoover. They did not re-enter the car until the train had left the station. Both times the President was cheered by a group waiting for a train on an adjoining track, and the cheering was taken up by the crowd which lined the fence separating the track from the station platform.

Providence precautions were taken to guard the presidential train along the route from New York to Boston, and a detail of railroad policemen and Providence policemen provided protection at the station, keeping all except Mr. Butler, newspapermen and photographers off the platform. Secret Service operatives were stationed at both entrances to the President's private car.

BLOW TORCH CAUSES BLAZE. A blow torch, used by plumbers in the bathroom of the cottage house at 120 College Street, set fire to the house yesterday evening.

Most of the damage, which was under the floor, was made in time to prevent serious damage. House 18 was called by telephone alarm. The house is owned and occupied by Margaret Hasley,